



State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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LETTER OF DEFICIENCY

No. WD SS 04-02

January 7, 2004

Patricia Price
31 Cottage Street
Keene, NH 03431

RE: Failed Septic System

Dear Ms. Price:

On December 9, 2003, the Department of Environmental Services, Water Division ("DES") received information from the Town of Enfield that the Town had conducted an inspection of the Cottage Street property, described as Lot # 14, on Tax Map # R5, and located on Cottage Street, Enfield, NH, 03431 ("the Property"). The purpose of this inspection was to determine whether you were in compliance with RSA 485-A and its implementing regulations, the Subdivision and Individual Sewage Disposal System Design Rules, Env-Ws 1000 ("the Rules").

As a result of the inspection, the following deficiency was noted:

1. Strong septic odors and raw sewage were found in drainage ditch lines and on the surface of the Property, indicating failure of your septic system.

DES expects the above deficiency to be permanently corrected within 20 days by initiating and completing the following measures:

Engage a permitted septic system designer to prepare and submit septic system plans and specifications to DES for the total waste load generated on the Property.

2. Obtain approval to construct the system
3. Construct and obtain approval to cover and use the system
4. Operate and maintain the system in accordance with NH Administrative Rule Env-Ws 1023.

During interim between receipt of this letter and the date by which permanent corrections have been completed, as an alternate to vacating the premises, DES expects that collected sewage will be pumped and disposed in accordance with NH Administrative Rule Env-Ws 800 at sufficient frequent intervals to prevent further overflow. If this alternative is utilized, it is advised that pumping receipts be retained.

DES believes the cited deficiencies will be corrected within 20 days and a report describing the corrective measures can be submitted to this office within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may take further action against you, including issuing an order requiring the above items to be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding, and/or referring the matter to the New Hampshire Department of Justice for imposition of civil and/or criminal penalties. In addition, DES personnel will inspect the Property at a later date to determine whether you have come into, and are maintaining, full compliance with all applicable statutes and directives.

The written report as requested above should be addressed as follows:

Richard J. de Seve, SSB, DES
Department of Environmental Services
6 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95
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Your prompt cooperation is appreciated. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Richard J. de Seve at 271-3442.

Sincerely,

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